

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A material ~~(100)~~ for covering a wide, rigid surface ~~(1)~~ of a home or building, the material being in the form of a flexible laminate having a fastening side comprising a sheet-form fastener component with hook-engageable loops defined by a knit or non-woven web material ~~(12)~~ having a basis weight of less than about 4 ounces per square yard ~~(136 grams per square meter)~~, and an opposite side formed by a sheet of paper ~~(9)~~ laminated to the fastener component, such that the laminate has significantly greater stiffness in the plane of the laminate than the knit or non-woven web material without the sheet of paper, yet is sufficiently flexible to be rolled up for storage and transport.

2. (Currently Amended) The material ~~(100)~~ of claim 1 wherein the sheet-form fastener component ~~(12)~~ is in a laterally stretched condition as laminated to the paper ~~(9)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The material ~~(100)~~ of claim 1 ~~or 2~~ wherein the paper ~~(9)~~ has a lateral stiffness at least as great as that of 85 pound Kraft paper.

4-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) The material ~~(100)~~ of claim 1 wherein the web material comprises a non-woven web ~~(12)~~ of entangled fibers, the fibers forming a sheet-form web body stabilized in a condition of at least about 50 percent areal stretch.

11. (Currently Amended) The material ~~(100)~~ of claim 1 wherein the web material ~~(12)~~ comprises a non-woven web of entangled fibers, the fibers forming a sheet-form web body stabilized in a condition of at least about 20 percent areal stretch, in which hook-engageable loops extend in clusters from tightened entanglements within the web body, the entanglements being joined together by straightened fibers, at least some of the fibers having a fiber denier of less than 3.

12. (Currently Amended) The material ~~(100)~~ of claim 1 wherein the web material ~~(12)~~ comprises a non-woven web of entangled fibers and includes a binder resin anchoring hook-engageable fibers or yarns and constituting between about 20 percent and 40 percent of the weight of the material.

13-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The material ~~(100)~~ of claim 1 ~~any of the above claims~~ in roll form, with the fastening side directed inwardly.

17. (Currently Amended) The material ~~(100)~~ of claim 1 ~~any of the above claims~~ wherein the paper ~~(9)~~ has an exposed surface suitable for printing or writing thereupon.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of securing an object ~~(2, 5, 7)~~ over a broad, rigid surface ~~(1)~~ of a home or building, the method comprising

placing a female touch fastening material against the broad surface, the material being in the form of a flexible laminate ~~(100)~~ having a fastening side comprising a sheet-form fastener component with hook-engageable loops defined by a knit or non-woven web material ~~(12)~~ having a basis weight of less than about 4 ounces per square yard ~~(136 grams per square meter)~~, and an opposite side formed by a sheet of paper ~~(9)~~ laminated to the fastener component to increase the dimensional stability of the fastener component;

providing a complementary hook fastener component ~~(16)~~ on the object to be secured;
and then
placing the object against the female touch fastening material to releasably secure the
object in place.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18 wherein the broad surface ~~(1)~~ is a
subfloor, and the object is a discrete piece of flooring to be secured to the subfloor.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19 wherein the female touch fastening
material and the complementary hook fastener component ~~(16)~~ are selected to provide a backlash
between adjacent pieces of flooring ~~(2, 5, 7)~~, when one of the adjacent pieces is subjected to a
separating load of 10 pounds ~~(44 Newtons)~~, of less than about 0.020 inch ~~(0.5 millimeter)~~,
preferably less than about 0.015 inch ~~(0.4 millimeter)~~.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein the backlash is at least 0.001 inch.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~any of claims~~ claim 18 ~~to 21~~ wherein the female
touch fastening material is in a laterally stretched condition as laminated to the paper ~~(9)~~.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~any of claims~~ claim 18 ~~to 22~~ wherein the paper
~~(9)~~ has a lateral stiffness at least as great as that of 85 pound Kraft paper.

24-28 (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18 wherein the web material ~~(12)~~
comprises a non-woven web of entangled fibers and includes a binder resin anchoring hook-
engageable fibers or yarns and constituting between about 20 percent and 40 percent of the
weight of the web material.

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30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~any of claims~~ claim 18 to 30 including unrolling the female touch fastening material directly onto the broad surface (1).